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# **DPSCS Coordinates Statewide Hurricane Relief Effort**

State Use Industries Trailers Will Transport Supplies to Affected Areas

TOWSON, MD (September 8, 2005) --- The Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) has launched a major initiative to provide supplies to victims of Hurricane Katrina. Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., is encouraging the general public to join this effort by donating items from the list below. Donations can be dropped off at five locations across the state also listed below. State Use Industries, the Division of Correction's prison industry arm, has trailers at these sites. Correctional personnel will staff these trailers from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day.

## Donations should be limited to the following items:

- DIAPERS (for both adult incontinence and baby's are needed)
- BABY NEEDS (wipes, bottles, powdered baby formula, etc)
- BOTTLED WATER
- PLASTIC UTENSILS
- PAPER GOODS
- FIRST AID SUPPLIES
- OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICINES
- NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS
- PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS (soap, shampoo, tooth paste, etc.)
- BLANKETS
- BATTERIES
- BATTERY-OPERATED ITEMS

Bulk items in unopened cases are welcomed. No clothing or cash will be accepted.

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## <u>Donations can be dropped off at the following locations:</u>

#### **JESSUP**

Maryland House of Correction House of Correction Road (Off MD Route 175)

## **BALTIMORE**

Metropolitan Transition Center 954 Forrest Street (Near the intersection of East Madison and Forrest streets just off Greenmount Avenue)

## **CUMBERLAND**

Western Correctional Institution 13800 McMullen Highway (U.S. 220 south) in Cresaptown (3 miles South of Interstate-68)

## **HAGERSTOWN**

Maryland Correctional Training Center 18601 Roxbury Road (East of MD Route 65 South of Hagerstown)

#### **EASTERN SHORE**

Eastern Correctional Institution 30420 Revells Neck Road in Westover (Off U.S. Route 13 South of Princess Anne)

One trailer from WCI is filled to capacity. Items from trailers at other locations will be consolidated into two trailers at the Jessup and Hagerstown sites. These trailers are expected to leave for Louisiana on Friday.

The Department's efforts are part of the Maryland Cares initiative created by Governor Ehrlich to support the victims of Hurricane Katrina. For more information on other opportunities to donate or help Hurricane Katrina victims, please log on to <a href="https://www.marylandcares.com">www.marylandcares.com</a>.

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